Executive Proclamation

Harrisburg, South Dakota Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, there are approximately 2.1 million American living with limb loss and limb difference and over 500 Americans lose a limb every day; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1,000 children are born each year in the United States with congenital limb difference and 600 children lose a limb to a lawn mower accident every summer; and

WHEREAS, diabetes, peripheral vascular disease, and trauma are cited as the leading causes of amputation with approximately 99% of cases being contributed to them; and

WHEREAS, access to appropriate prosthetic care for people living with limb loss is vital to enable individuals to reach their full potential, live independently, and live well; and

WHEREAS, the Amputee Coalition provides education, support, and advocacy through the National Limb Loss Resource Center for the benefit of persons with limb loss and limb difference, their families, and health care providers throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Harrisburg Disability Awareness Commission encourages organizations and residents to recognize April as Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month as spring is a time of renewal and inspiration.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Derick Wenck, Mayor of the City of Harrisburg, South Dakota do hereby proclaim April 2022 as:

LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIFFERENCE AWARENESS MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Harrisburg, South Dakota to be affixed this 1st day of April 2022.

Derick Wenck, Mayor Harrisburg, South Dakota

